

ONE MAN'S OPINIONS

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Colorado.—If President Wilson orders the withdrawal of federal troops from the Colorado coal field there will probably be more wholesale murder in that state by militia recruited from mine guards and strikebreakers.

There appears to be no chance for a square deal for the striking miners so far as the state law is concerned. The power of wealth and organized Big Business is too great. Kept judges, kept sheriffs and other minions of the Rockefeller interests apparently see in the law only an instrumentality for the protection of property; and the mine owners insist that they will run THEIR property to suit themselves.

They demand the right to do with their PROPERTY as they please, but deny the right of men to have any control over their LABOR.

The mine owners themselves organize for self-protection, but deny the right of the miners to do the same thing.

If federal troops are withdrawn, then state troops will do the bidding of the coal barons and shoot the strikers into subjection and slavery. Owning the machinery of the law, the mine owners OWN THE LAW. It is THEIR law, to do with as they see fit.

The only obstacle in the way of peace in Colorado is the private ownership of the coal in the Colorado hills.

So it looks as if the only way to peace is through public ownership and operation of the coal mines.

Unless President Wilson can find a way to take over the coal mines and operate them, it seems that all there is left to do is to withdraw the federal troops and let the state of Colorado go on with its murderous work, in the name of the LAW, until public sentiment is aroused to the point of revolt against such intolerable conditions.

It may be that things will have to get worse before they can get better. It takes a powerful shock sometimes to make us see the human side of business.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

WHO IS TO BLAME?

Editor Day Book—In regard to reforming young women, why not get down to facts and find out who is to blame? I will tell you, not from what a person thinks, but what I have seen and know to be facts. One party who is very much to blame is the mother of every girl. I think that when a girl becomes of age or when she starts going out with fellows, she ought to be given lessons along this line, because it is much more important than book-keeping, sewing or cooking. For once she is on the road convents, reformatories and institutions never help her. They may help her while she is in there, but as soon as she gets out she is just as bad as she was before she went in. The moral is—Don't let her start.

Another party who is very much to blame is the employer of girls. You will find that 90 per cent of the girls in this city are crazy about good clothes; and if they can't get them on their salary they will get them by working nights. Trusting that this will be of some advantage to our readers.—William Golden.

ONE WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE

Editor Day Book—Many times after reading your articles on commercial vice, I have wanted to write you, but hesitated because I was one of the fallen, and feared I might shock the modesty of some of our Christian reformers. After reading what another of my kind has written you, I feel more at liberty. The reformers are now planning a farm where these fallen women may be taught to make an honest living. Say, they make me laugh. Why some of those women